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SUBJECT: SECURITY FOR AMERICANS

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM BOWDLER

1. EGAN'S DEATH HAS DRAMATIZED VULNERABILITY TO TERRORIST
ACTION OF AMERICANS LIVING IN ARGENTINA.

2. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT ALL OFFICIAL AMERICANS ARE
NOW LIVING IN GREATER BUENOS AIRES AREA AND ARE SUBJECT
TO SECURITY PROGRAM WHICH YOU HAVE PUT INTO EFFECT. WHILE
I RECOGNIZE THAT EMBASSY'S PROTECTION MEASURES ARE NO
GUARANTEE AGAINST ATTACK, THEY HAVE IMPORTANT DETERRENT
EFFECT. WE EXPECT SECURITY WATCH

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COMMITTEE TO KEEP YOUR PROGRAM UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW BOTH AS TO MEASURES WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN AND COMPLIANCE BY ALL PERSONNEL COVERED BY THEM.

3. WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT DANGER FACING NON-OFFICIAL AMERICANS RESIDING IN ARGENTINA. WHILE WE ARE NOT ABLE

ASSUME DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR SAFETY AND WELL BEING, WE DO HAVE OBLIGATION, WHICH YOU HAVE ASSUMED, TO ADVISE THEM ON LOCAL SECURITY SITUATION AND COUNSEL ON WHAT THEY MIGHT DO TO MAINTAIN THEIR OWN SECURITY.

4. IN LIGHT OF WHAT HAPPENED TO EGAN, WE BELIEVE YOU SHOULD REVIEW SITUATION OF UNOFFICIAL RESIDENT AMERICANS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO ARE SYMBOLICALLY SIGNIFICANT TO THE TERRORISTS BECAUSE OF THEIR CONNECTION WITH LARGE AMERICAN BUSINESS FIRMS (I.E. THE QUOTE YANKEE INTERESTS UNQUOTE REFERRED TO IN THE MONTONERO COMMUNIQUE ON EGAN'S KIDNAPPING.) WE KNOW THAT A GOOD MANY OF THESE HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY. BUT WE WONDER HOW MANY REMAIN? WHERE THEY ARE LOCATED? WHETHER TIME HAS NOT COME TO ADVISE THEM TO CONSIDER MOVING TO URUGUAY OR OTHER NEIGHBORING COUNTRY? WHAT OTHER MEASURES MIGHT BE TAKEN TO REDUCE VULNERABILITY OF AMERICAN RESIDENTS IN ARGENTINA?

5. REQUEST YOU DISCUSS THESE ISSUES WITH YOUR SECURITY WATCH COMMITTEE AND SEND US YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS. INGERSOLL

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